

CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM BOB GOLDMAN YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Bob Goldman was a devoted member of Etz Chaim and of the Men's Club. He was concerned with the continuity of Jewish values and was dedicated to the youth of our congregation. After his untimely passing, the Men's Club established the Bob Goldman Youth Scholarship Fund to perpetuate his memory and further his goal of helping the youth of our congregation. With this fund, the Men's Club will endeavor to continue Bob's work by providing the opportunity for our children to visit areas of Jewish interest, which is the ultimate Jewish educational experience. The Men's Club believes that the continuity of our people, our history, our culture, and religion--indeed our very existence as a people--depends upon our commitment to our children.

The intent of the Men's Club is to help endow and seek contributions to the Goldman Youth Scholarship Fund. These funds will be used to provide scholarships to the youth of our congregation to encourage their participation in Israel programs. The scope of the scholarship awards may change from time to time at the discretion of the Men's Club.

Our long-term mission is to endow the scholarship fund so that it is self-perpetuating, thus ensuring the availability of this award for years to come. As the endowment grows, our goal is to increase the endowment level and number of awards granted. It is our hope that our children bring back from their trips an abiding love for Israel, our people and our heritage.

ELIGIBILITY

- The parent(s) of the applicant must be a member(s) in good standing of Congregation Etz Chaim in the year the application is received.
- The applicant must be between 15 and 23 years old at the time of the program.
- The applicant must be on a formal program, at least 28 days in length that is sponsored by our congregation, a recognized youth movement, a Jewish school or Israeli University.
- The applicant must give a brief report at a Men's Club meeting relating their experiences in Israel and on their program after their return.

SCOPE OF ASSISTANCE

- The Men's Club Board will determine the allocation of funds on an annual basis.
- The annual allocation has been revised to award one scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. Previous allocations were awarded at a maximum of \$500. A maximum amount per applicant will be established each year based upon the number of applicants approved and the total amount allocated.
- Applications will be accepted from January 1 through May 1 and notification of the award will be no later than June 1 of that year. Any applications received after May 1 will be considered only if the funds allocated have not been awarded to prior applicants.
- Scholarship money will be sent directly to the student. Notice of acceptance from the program must accompany the application. Applications can be obtained online at the Synagogue website (Men's Club area) or in the Administrative Office. Online submission is the preferred method to apply and communicate. **Suggestion: Save a copy of your essay on your local computer.** All the information you need to apply can be found at <https://www.etzchaim.net/form/goldmanscholar>.